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## Lowell's Dairy/Restaurant Fire in Mendon Deemed Accidental

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan and Mendon Fire Chief Charles D. Johnson announce that the investigation into the July 13 fire at Lowell's Dairy/Restaurant in Mendon has been completed.

The investigative team of State Troopers assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal and local fire and police officials have concluded that the cause of the fire was accidental. The fire most likely originated in the exhaust system above the stove in the kitchen of the restaurant and then rapidly spread into the second floor and then through the roof.